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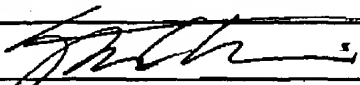
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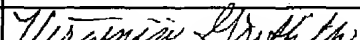
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 17 May 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

No claim has been amended or cancelled. Claims 11-24 are currently pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grossman (U.S. patent 5,470,705) in view of Kline (U.S. patent 5,459,078). The Examiner appears to argue as follows: Grossman describes a technique for detecting a plurality of target polynucleotides that includes binding polymers with fluorescently labeled polymeric tails that have,